

REMARKS

Consideration of the following remarks is respectfully requested. In the Office Action, dated January 13, 2003, claims 1-16 and 61-83 were allowed. Claim 52 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Bogart et al. (US 5,468,606). Claims 53-55 and 59 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Bogart et al. Additionally, objections were asserted against claims 56-58 for being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but these claims were considered allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In this Response, claim 52 has been amended, and claim 56 has been canceled. Upon entry of the above amendments this application contains claims 1-16, 52-55, 57-59, and 61-83, pending and under consideration. It is believed that the amendments place this application in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of all outstanding rejections and objections, and timely allowance of this application are requested.

Rejections Under 35 USC §102(b)

Claims 52 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b) over Bogart et al. Claim 52 has been amended by incorporating the substance of the subject matter found in claim 56, i.e., that the non-conductive coating comprise an epoxy coating. Claim 56 has been canceled. It is believed that this amendment overcomes the rejection over Bogart et al. Therefore, withdrawal of this rejection and allowance of claim 52 is requested.

Rejections Under 35 USC §103

Claims 53-55, and 59 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) over Bogart et al. As noted above, independent claim 52 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter found in claim 56. Since it is believed that claim 52 is now patentably distinct from Bogart et al., claims 53-55 and 59, which depend from claim 52, are also believed to be patentably distinct from Bogart et al. Consequently, it is respectfully requested that the rejections of claims 53-55 and 59 be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing discussion, reconsideration, and withdrawal of all outstanding rejections, and allowance of this application containing claims 1-16, 52-55, 57-59 and 61-83 are

requested. In addition, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney if there are any questions about this submission and other formal matters, which might be addressed in that fashion to facilitate allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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